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1. SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHE ALONG LINES OF
REFTEL, MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAG SAID TURKS FELT USG HAD NOT
ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED TURKISH PROPOSAL WITH WALDHEIM. HE SAID
TURKISH SIDE WAS PREPARED TO PUT FORWARD PROPOSAL ON ITS OWN
AS SUGGESTED BY US, BUT THAT TURKS COULD NOT MOVE BEYOND
CONCEPT OF TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION. ELEKDAG ASKED WHETHER
USG PREPARED TO SUPPORT TURKISH INITIATIVE ALONG THESE LINES.
END SUMMARY.

2. CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY POLOFF PECK, MET WITH MFA
SEC GEN ELEKDAG JULY 17. CYPRUS/GREECE OFFICE DIRECTOR INAL
BATU SAT IN. WE MADE FORCEFUL PRESENTATION ALONG LINES OF
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INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL AND AT END LEFT WITH ELEKDAG A SUMMARY
OF OUR TALKING POINTS. WE STRESSED THE IMMINENCE OF THE
SENATE VOTE AND THE NEED FOR TURKISH PROPOSAL TO BE PRESENTED
IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE MAXIMUM IMPACT ON CONGRESS, CITING SEN
BYRD'S "FACE THE NATION" REMARKS REGARDING DESIRABILITY OF TURKISH
TURNOVER OF VAROSHA TO UN. WE ALSO EMPHASIZED JUDGMENT OF US
OFFICIALS THAT TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION SIMPLY WOULD NOT HAVE

DESIRED EFFECT AND ASKED THAT OUR SUGGESTION FOR REVISING THE PROPOSAL BE BROUGHT TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF PRIMIN ECEVIT.

3. IN RESPONSE, ELEKDAG REFERRED TO A REPORT OF TURKISH UN PERMREP TURKMEN'S CONVERSATION JULY 15 WITH WALDHEIM. HE SAID TURKS HAD BEEN TRULY DISCONCERTED BY THIS CONVERSATION. WALDHEIM SEEMED ALMOST TO BE SPEAKING AS IF HE WERE A GREEK CYPRIOT. TURKS HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE US SIDE HAD ACTED "WITH EXTREME PRUDENCE" AND "IN A VERY SHY WAY", AND THAT WE HAD NOT MADE OUR WEIGHT FELT BY WALDHEIM. THE US HAD NOT ADEQUATELY UNDERSTOOD THE ESSENCE OF THE TURKISH PROPOSAL WHICH HAD BEEN THE CONCEPT OF THE TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION. TURKEY HAD EXPECTED THE US TO ESPOUSE THIS PROPOSAL.

4. TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF OUR DEMARCHE, ELEKDAG REVIEWED THE REASONING UNDERLYING THE TURKISH PROPOSAL. HE STRESSED THAT THE CONCEPT OF A TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION WAS AS FAR AS THE TURKISH SIDE COULD GO AND THAT A COMPLETE TURNOVER OF VAROSHA TO THE UN COULD NOT BE ENVISAGED. CONTINUING ALONG THIS LINE, ELEKDAG SAID HE WANTED TO BE SURE THAT THIS INITIATIVE WAS NOT WASTED. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT TURKISH SIDE HAD SOUGHT TO ASSURE THAT THEIR PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE FULL US SUPPORT.

5. ELEKDAG SAID THAT TURKS WERE PREPARED PUBLICLY TO PUT FORWARD THEIR PROPOSAL ALONG ONE OF THE LINES SUGGESTED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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OUR DEMARCHE, BUT THAT SUCH AN INITIATIVE WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE THE CONCEPT OF THE TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION. (HE APPEARED TO THINK IDEA OF DENKTASH/KYPRIANOU LETTER NOT BAD.) AT THE SAME TIME, TURKEY WANTED THE US TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT; FOR THIS TO BE EFFECTIVE THERE SHOULD BE A STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. ELEKDAG THEN ASKED DIRECTLY WHETHER THE US WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT SUCH A TURKISH INITIATIVE. HE ADDED THAT IF THE USG WAS NOT PREPARED PUBLICLY TO SUPPORT THE TURKISH PROPOSAL, THE GOT THOUGHT IT BEST THE IDEA BE DROPPED.

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6. THERE FOLLOWED A LENGTHY BACK-AND-FORTH DURING WHICH WE:
(A) URGED THE US VIEW THAT A TURKISH PROPOSAL INCLUDING THE CONCEPT OF A TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT HAVE THE DESIRED EFFECT; (B) INDICATED THAT WE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHAT THE US RESPONSE WOULD BE IF THE TURKS WENT AHEAD PUBLICLY WITH THEIR PRESENT PROPOSAL; AND (C) OFFERED TO SEEK SUCH INSTRUCTIONS IMMEDIATELY. DURING THIS EXCHANGE, ELEKDAG BECAME INCREASINGLY EMPHATIC REGARDING THE POLITICAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF ECEVIT ADVANCING BEYOND TURKEY'S PRESENT POSITION. HE SAID GOT HAD EXERTED GREAT EFFORTS IN ORDER TO PERSUADE DENKTASH TO GO ALONG. DENKTASH WAS NOW WAITING FOR WALDHEIM TO PUBLICIZE THE PROPOSAL AND WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE SEC GEN. THOUGH TIME WAS SHORT, ELEKDAG THOUGHT DENKTASH COULD BE BROUGHT AROUND TO MAKING THE PROPOSAL HIMSELF, THOUGH EVEN THIS WOULD REQUIRE SOME EFFORT. HE SPECULATED THAT DENKTASH MIGHT RESIGN IF PUSHED FURTHER THAN THIS.

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7. ELEKDAG EXPRESSED "REGRET" THAT US HAD NOT ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED TURKISH PROPOSAL. HE NOTED THAT THE TURKISH WITHDRAWAL OF 1,250 MEN AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT FROM CYPRUS HAD ELICITED NO USG STATEMENT, HAD RECEIVED NO PUBLICITY IN THE US PRESS, AND THEREFORE HAD BEEN "WASTED". HE REITERATED THAT IF US WAS NOT PREPARED STRONGLY TO SUPPORT TURKISH INITIATIVE, THE "WE SHOULD BOTH FORGET ABOUT IT".

8. IN RESPONSE TO OUR URGING THAT PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT SHOULD BE INFORMED REGARDING OUR EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION, ELEKDAG UNDERTOOK TO DO SO. AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID THERE WAS

NO POSSIBILITY OF THE PRIMIN CHANGING HIS POSITION. THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS, HE SAID, ARE SIMPLY TOO STRONG AND TURKEY COULD GO NO FURTHER.

9. COMMENT: SINCE THE FONMIN WAS UNAVAILABLE, WE DECIDED TO GO TO ELEK DAG WHO WORKS DIRECTLY WITH THE PRIMIN ON THIS ISSUE AND HAS ECEVIT'S FULL CONFIDENCE. WHILE WE ARE SURE THAT ECEVIT WILL BE PROMPTLY AND FULLY INFORMED OF OUR VIEWS, WE TEND TO RESPECT ELEK DAG'S JUDGMENT IN THIS CASE THAT ECEVIT IS UNLIKELY TO MOVE BEYOND THE CONCEPT OF A TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION. WE UNDERTOOK TO TRY TO GET A RESPONSE BY TUESDAY, JULY 18, TO ELEK DAG'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE USG WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT PUBLICLY A TURKISH INITIATIVE INCORPORATING THE TRIPARTITE CONCEPT.
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